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Application No.: 09/092,374		)	Art Unit:	3762
Filed: June 5, 1998		)	<b>v</b>	
For:	METHOD OF OCCLUDING A PATIENT'S ASCENDING AORTA AND DELIVERING CARDIOPLEGIC FLUID	) ) ) )	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2000, please enter the following amendment in this application.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Washington, D.C. 20231

Please delete the first paragraph and insert the following instead:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 08/566,405, filed December 1, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,765,568, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application no. 08/250,721, filed May 27, 1994, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,478,309, the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.—

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